

**US GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
CONTINGENCY PLAN FACT SHEET
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The U.S. Geological Survey is the Earth and natural science research bureau for the Department of the Interior and the only integrated natural resources research agency in the Federal Government. The U.S. Geological Survey's research and data products support the Department of the Interior's resource and land management needs, and also provide the water, biological, energy, and mineral resources information needed by other Federal, State, Tribal, and local government agencies. Emergency response organizations, natural resource managers, land use planners, and other customers use this information to protect lives and property and to make informed decisions based on the application of science.

Services and Programs that would remain operational:

- Emergency Flood Response to include flood forecast & flood warnings and providing data to emergency flood managers
- Earthquake Hazards Program 24/7 Monitoring
- Volcano Observatories: Monitor on-going volcanic activity
- Biological Threat Coordination: Emergency Response in event of wildlife mortality event or pandemic
- Landsat 7 and 8 Satellite Operations
- Scientific Laboratories to remain open on limited basis to maintain operations of critical and costly research experiments and ensure proper functioning of equipment to maintain integrity of samples
- National Ice Core Labs (NICL): Maintain one-of-a-kind facility for storing meteoric ice cores essential for research
- Maintenance of Nuclear Reactor
- Animal caretaking
- Detection and analysis of zoonotic threats in wildlife

Services and programs that would cease:

- Collecting, monitoring, analyzing, and providing scientific understanding about natural resource conditions, issues, and problems
- Carrying out large-scale, multi-disciplinary investigations to provide impartial scientific information to resource managers, planners, and other customers.
- Online access to publications, maps, and data will be limited
- Water quality data will not be received, analyzed or disseminated to the public